

Media update
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RI Vice President Ma'ruf Amin Visits Social Service Drive Collaboration by PPAD, the Local Government and Freeport Indonesia

On 12 July 2023 RI Vice President Ma'ruf Amin visited the site of a social service drive organized by Association of Indonesian Army Retired Officers (PPAD) in Timika, Mimika Regency, Central Papua. The social service drive was a collaboration among PPAD, the Central Papua Province and Mimika Regency governments, PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI), and Association of Indonesian Ophthalmologists (Perdami).

The social service drive bearing the theme "*Kitorang Melihat Terang*" (We see Clearly) is focused on providing surgeries for cataracts and cleft lips, general health care, dental care, and distribution of vitamins and staple goods. The cataracts operations were carried out by a team of doctors from Perdami on 78 patients with 105 eyes treated. Meanwhile the cleft lip surgeries were conducted by a team of doctors from Central Army hospital Rumah Sakit Pusat Angkatan Darat (RSPAD) on 11 patients.

PPAD Chairman Lieutenant General Dr (H.C.) Doni Monardo (retd) said the social service drive was part of a simultaneous series of activities, with the first and second drives carried out in Mulia District, Puncak Jaya Regency. The third drive was carried out in Namlea, Buru Regency, Maluku, and the fourth in Mimika Regency, Central Papua. A fifth drive is slated to held in August 2023 in Jayawijaya Regency to coincide with Indonesian Republic Independence Day anniversary celebrations. "As conveyed by the President, being a pensioner is just an administrative status. However, as the state's service personnel, our service to the nation must continue until our ears can no longer hear a salvo of gunfire. In other words, until there is no longer any life in our bodies," Doni Monardo uttered.

Doni voiced the hope this activity will be accompanied with mitigative measures. Among others, through modification of the honai (the traditional Papua dwelling), which are mostly entirely covered, with all activities, including cooking, conducted indoors. This leads among others to numerous cases of cataracts among the local populations. "So, some modification of the honai should be appropriate, for instance by adding windows," Doni Monardo said.

On this occasion of the Vice President's visit on that day, PTFI provided five billion rupiahs worth of assistance in the form of 1,150 packages of staple goods, transportation, and accommodations for the medical staff from RSPAD & PERDAMI as well as PPAD participating in the social service activity in Timika. A presentation of part of a total of 6,000 staple goods packages and other assistance will be made during an activity with the local government in support of health mitigation activities such as stunting, in the regencies of Mimika and Nabire. **PTFI President Director Tony Wenas** conveyed vigorous commitment by the company will continue in assisting the Mimika Regency communities to deal with healthcare issues. "This is part of our commitment and certainly this complements our social programs that are already running such as for education, health, and others," **Tony said.**

Apart from this social service program, PTFI in conjunction with Amungme and Kamoro Community Development Foundation YPMAC continue to support community healthcare service activities through development and operation of hospitals and clinics in Mimika Regency, including the hospital Rumah Sakit Mitra Masyarakat (RSMM) in Mimika, the clinics in SP-9, SP-12 and Pomako, respectively, and the TB – STI (Sexual Transmission Infection) clinic. PTFI is also the major driver of the malaria control program conducted in partnership with the Mimika Regency Health Office.

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